

II. SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the paragraph on page 9, lines 9-15 as follows:

More detailed descriptions of modular franking systems and the communications used between the modules are found in U.S. Patent Applications Serial Number 10/081,278, filed on 21 February 2002, ~~Attorney's Docket Number 770P010633-US (PAR)~~, and Serial Number 10/081,270, filed on 21 February 2002, ~~Attorney's Docket Number 770P010638-US (PAR)~~, both of which are incorporated by reference in their entirety herein.